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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A module for integration in a home network with individual devices which are connected to one another and communicate among one another via one or more protocols defined for the home network, the home network having at least one connecting device which allows communication with an external network, the module being able to receive at least one of data ~~and/or~~ and metadata describing the content of the data available at providers in the external network and to make them available to the devices of the home network wherein the module has one or more search units for searching for the availability of specific data at the providers in the external network.

2.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein it has a format converter, which converts the data of the external network into a format which corresponds to one of the formats which are defined for the exchange of data in the home network and are readable for the devices in the home network.

3.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 2, wherein the format converted converts data in a format which corresponds to one of the formats which are defined for the exchange of data in the home network and are readable for the devices in the home network into a format used in the external network.

4.   (Currently amended) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the search unit ~~and/or~~ and the format converter can be updated.

5.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the module communicates with the other devices of the home network by means of one of the protocols defined for the home network.

6.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein it concerts control data from a protocol defined for the home network into a protocol used by the external network or by a provider of data.

7.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein it has a memory, which stores at least one of the received data and/or and the data converted into the format defined for the home network.

8.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the external network is the Internet.

9.   (Currently amended) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data from the external network are include at least one of text, audio and/or and video data.

10.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein it communicates with the devices of the home network via a data bus.

11.   (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein it is integrated into the connecting device.

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12. (Previously presented) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein it is able to receive and process inquiries from the external network and send data from the home network and send data from the home network into the external network.